

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League; the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; the Twin Cities Rod and Gun Club; and the Forty Social Club. He is a respected member of the Omicron Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity which, over the years, has honored him for his many achievements and his leadership in the community.

Louie Moore is a former member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in St. Paul, and a current member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Minneapolis.

Mr. Speaker, when you ask any of Louis Moore's many friends for the words that best describe him, the answers flow freely: "kind," "well-loved," "involved," "respected." In fact, one of his friends from the Minnesota Historical Society says regarding Louie, "He is a wonderful person—delightful to talk to, with a warm personality. He has always been interested in 'bettering' situations and helping others."

I am proud to know Louis Moore II, and it is an honor to recognize him today in celebration of Black History Month. His son, Louis III, is a member of my Congressional staff, and through him I have learned many things about this fine man. In his lifetime, Louis Moore II has developed a simply amazing list of professional and personal accomplishments—many more than those which I have mentioned today.

Mr. Speaker, today I salute Louis Moore II—a pillar of our community. I offer him my best wishes for good health and happiness always.

#### HONORING BRITH SHALOM

##### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Congregation Brith Shalom, located in the 25th district of Houston, Texas, on the occasion of their 45th anniversary. The Brith Shalom family has been a pillar of the community, effectively addressing the spiritual needs of its members for four and a half decades.

Brith Shalom's humble beginnings trace back to a rented apartment house at 2203 Bellfontaine in February of 1955. The congregation eventually bought a building at 4610 Bellaire Boulevard where they involved the entire congregation in making it the beautiful synagogue it is today. Architectural highlights include stained-glass windows which tell the story of the 12 tribes of Israel and the inclusion of Jerusalem stone in the sanctuary.

Brith Shalom's endurance in addressing the needs of its community deserves respect and admiration. With special emphasis on family and children, the congregation strives to increase Jewish identification and commitment. Brith Shalom embraces the concept that healthy spiritual development is necessary for children to grow into happy, whole adults. The congregation's belief in reinforcing a strong Jewish background gives Brith Shalom's youths a strong foundation and a clear sense of community, scholarship and religious identity throughout their lives.

Throughout Brith Shalom's history, the congregation's rabbis have initiated Judaic studies

and social-action programs. Sisterhood and Men's Club participants have raised funds for the synagogue, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and scholarship programs. Synagogue youths take part in the United Synagogue Youth organization. Each president of Brith Shalom has been installed during a weekend complemented by a scholar, lecturer or educational program that stimulated new ideas on Jewish learning.

Mr. Speaker, Brith Shalom has much to celebrate on its 45th anniversary. The congregation has been a haven for its community. Since its beginnings through more than four decades of growth, Brith Shalom should be commended for its dedication to God and commitment to the needs of its congregation and surrounding community.

#### HONORING A TRUE AMERICAN HERO, FRED W. DYER

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell you of a man that served our country with unselfish bravery. A combat pilot that did more than just fly planes, Fred Dyer was a man of tremendous service and dedication. Sadly Fred recently passed away.

Fred was valued by his fellow pilots as a man that would never turn his back or leave in the middle of the storm. He often times put his own life in danger to ensure that the lives of others were safe. In one of many accounts recorded in Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation," a fellow pilot, George Wells, tells of how many bombing records were made by their unit, but one of the most notable was when he and Fred established the record for the highest number of bomber missions flown by a United States pilot in World War II. They flew 102 missions before returning home for rest.

In 1943, Fred received the distinguished Service Cross for action in Sicily where he refused to leave a plane that had caught on fire until everyone on board was safely out. All the crew members donned parachutes and jumped; Fred waited until they were all out then jumped himself. Unfortunately, he landed in the midst of a tank battle, but he was quickly rescued by British soldiers. Acts of bravery like these are why Fred was credited with medals such as the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Air Medal with 15 clusters.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute to honor Fred Dyer. He put the lives of others before his own and displayed unparalleled loyalty and bravery. Fred will be missed by all those who knew him.

#### RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN GARY L. MCGHEE

##### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Captain

Gary McGhee, who will be retiring in May, after a long and distinguished career with the Michigan State Police. Needless to say, as a former state trooper myself, I am proud of Michigan law enforcement, and Captain McGhee's service has given us additional reason to be proud. It is for this reason that on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the citizens of the State of Michigan, I commend Captain McGhee on his service, and wish him the best of luck and good health in his retirement.

Captain McGhee achieved a high level of success throughout his years with the State Police, culminating with his current position as Eighth District Commander, where he is in charge of thirteen State Police Posts and three two-officer concept offices, total delivery of State Police services to fifteen counties of the U.P.

Captain McGhee has always looked out for the citizens of Michigan by his service as a trooper, his guidance of his fellow officers, and his leadership and initiative. He began his service with his enlistment in recruit school in May of 1966, and his start as a trooper in Bridgeport and Lansing. Of course, not one to sit on the sidelines, a year later he received a Lifesaving Award when he jumped off the Zilwaukee Bridge to aid another officer, risking his own life to save that of another.

Captain McGhee has published both nationally and internationally, and been instrumental in bringing law enforcement communities to work together on timely issues. His innovative traffic safety initiative, "Let's Buckle (the) U.P.," drew together all law enforcement agencies for the first time in a united effort to promote safety on Michigan's streets. Most recently, in 1998 and 1999 he coordinated law enforcement between Michigan and Wisconsin by putting together the Wisconsin/Michigan Law Enforcement Summit where officials and government leaders from both states met to discuss issues common across the border.

Captain McGhee has done so much, so well, for so long, that I can only recall one occasion that his judgment may be called into question: letting me graduate from recruit school while he was Recruit School Commander! In all seriousness, I thank him for his help and advice that he gave me and other recruits that went on to serve in his tradition. As former Post-Commander in Reed City, Assistant District Commander in the Eight and Seventh Districts, and as the current Eighth District Commander, Captain McGhee has ensured that the men and women under his watch perform to their highest possible levels, to the best advantage of the citizens of the U.P. and Michigan.

Captain McGhee, you will be missed, but your accomplishments and guidance have left their mark, making law enforcement in the U.P. and Michigan something we can all be proud of! I also congratulate Suzanne McGhee on her retirement, and wish the best to the entire McGhee family.